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John C. Harvey and James W. Cuddihy : Group Art Unit 2602
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 For **SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS
 AND METHODS**

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Respectfully submitted,

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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initiating the Examination of the above-described continuation application, Applicants herewith submit the following Preliminary Amendment and Remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please amend claims 13, 14, 15, 16, 24, and 33.

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1 13. (Amended) A method of controlling a plurality of receiver stations each
2 of which includes a [television receiver] broadcast or cablecast signal converter, a signal
3 detector, a processor, and with each said receiver station adapted to detect the presence
4 of one or more control signals and programmed to process downloadable [executable]
5 code, said method of controlling comprising the steps of: